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PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Greg HETHERINGTON  
Serial no. : 09/898,948  
Filed : July 3, 2001  
For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING  
FREE-FORMAT DATA  
Group Art Unit : 3624  
Examiner : Ella Colbert  
Docket : GRIHAC P22AUSD1

MAIL STOP NOTICE OF APPEAL  
The Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER  
TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES  
AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TERM

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board from the decision of the Primary Examiner mailed March 28, 2003  
finally rejecting claims

The items checked below are appropriate:

1. STATUS OF APPLICANT

- ☐ other than small entity  
☒ small entity, a verified statement:  
☐ attached hereto.  
☒ already claimed

2. FEE FOR FILING NOTICE OF APPEAL

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(b) the fee for filing the  
Notice of Appeal is:

- ☒ small entity \$160  
☐ other than small entity \$320

Notice of Appeal fee due: \$ 160.00

3. EXTENSION OF TERM

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply.

- (a) ☐ Applicant petitions for an extension of time for the total number of months checked below:

Extension (months)	Fee for other than small entity	Fee for small entity
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 110	\$ 55
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 410	\$205
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 930	\$465
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,450	\$725
<input type="checkbox"/> five months	\$1,970	\$985

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If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this petition th refor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

- ☐ An extension for \_\_ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ 465.00  
or

- (b) ☐ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

4. **TOTAL FEE DUE**

The total fee due is:

Notice of Appeal fee      \$ 160.00  
Extension fee (if any)    \$ 465.00

**TOTAL FEE DUE      \$ 625.00**

5. **FEE PAYMENT**

- ☒ Attached is a check in the sum of \$ 625.00  
☐ Charge Account No. 04-0213 the sum of \$\_\_  
A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

6. **FEE DEFICIENCY**

- ☒ If any additional extension and/or fee is required, including any additional fee(s) for claims, this is a request therefor and charge Account No. 04-0213.

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September 26, 2003.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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